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(Hear, hear.) I have no doubt that in the right season Australia will before many years are over have

to act independently of, and altogether unconnected with, the great navy of the Empire, then a navy of that kind would be an almost futile possession.

great organisation of the navy of the Empire, it has it, the better. The only trouble

that she cannot afford it yet." There is little likelihood that the Government will be able to provide a more definite answer to the question of the purchase of the "Bradford boat," but it is in the Constitution that we must find the answer. It is our duty to get into trouble for breaking the spirit of the Constitution, but it is not our duty to break the letter of the Constitution. It is our duty to act in concert with the great naval organisation of the Empire, because we cannot understand how it is compatible with loyalty to have it to act independently. We cannot do so. We cannot have any navy with some until it is too late to do so.

**WHAT WAS BEST TO BE DONE**

It seemed to me, representing you at that conference, that the best thing to do was to try to secure modern and up-to-date defence, combined with a provision for training Australian and New Zealand seamen to act as effective recruits, ready to sail on the day when the day of the "Bradford boat" has been made is that we shall have a less number of ships than we had before, but 8000 tons heavier and immeasurably stronger in armament and better for the defence of our shores. One of these is to be provided by Australia, and the other by New Zealand. Local rates of pay, there are to be three training ships, two for Australia and one for New Zealand, and training reserves, so that they may be able to take their place in the naval defence of our country if necessary arise. The agreement further provides that there shall be a number of officers and crew from New Zealanders to become naval officers, and

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At times when we have no Braden clause, and the clause will expire in 10 years' time—viz., on October 1911. The Commonwealth will probably make it a condition of the purchase of the ship that the Government will have to give a guarantee to the Parliament in that respect. I am not sure that it will be the last to say that there should be no Australian navy, although I shall then be the first to say that an Australian navy should act in concert with the navy of the Empire. (Cheers.) However, we have had a number of years of, and the crews of Australian and New Zealand warships use one of these cruisers for active service. We have some hundreds in number, and will be permanently paid during their period of service.

**MOBILITY OF THE FLEET.**

I take it I have sufficiently described that agreement to you, and I think that it is a very important every day by some influential organs that ships are not of much use unless they are allotted to certain places for certain purposes. If you have a large naval station then the allotment in times of peace is to the coast of the United States, the West Indies and I may say that is a feature of the agreement. But these ships will be on the Australian station

Mediterranean squadrons; and it anyone says that  
 in times of war the ships should remain plied  
 on one coast, I cannot agree with the  
 view. When there is danger, the ships  
 will concentrate and attack that danger, and the  
 man who says otherwise has not understood this  
 question. It was thus that the British navy was  
 successful in attacking the enemy at the  
 weakest point, and before the enemy could  
 see his assistance. (Cheers.) So then there will be  
 China, an East Indian, and an Australian squadron  
 in these seas, and our squadron will go to the  
 assistance of the other two in case of their need, and  
 in case of our own need, we will go to their  
 assistance. (Continued cheering.) This is a proposition  
 dictated by common sense, and in entire keeping with  
 the spirit of the federal movement. (Cheers.)

**MORE PREFERENTIAL TRADE WANTED.**  
 I am not going into figures with regard to  
 preferential trade, but I shall have an opportunity  
 of speaking on that subject on Friday night.

The resolution was in favour of preferential tariff treatment running counter to the desires of the United Kingdom. When Mr. Chamberlain's opening speech reaches you, in the form of a Blue Book, you will see that he expresses gratitude to Canada for having offered him the goods, and that like Oliver Twist, he "asks for more." And he was quite right. Why, in this Empire Englishmen, Irishmen, Scotchmen, and the sons of these—and I beg your pardon, ladies, you have got to know me—so let me mention, daughters, too—we are all of one mind as regards the goods which we want people to possess those things which ought to belong to us. (Hear, hear.) It is not a profitable view because it is a selfish view that we should deal with all countries alike.

**SHIPS' STORES QUESTIONS.**

But all countries do not deal with us alike, and those who complain about having to be treated at the same way with regard to ships' stores as our own ships have always been treated. Those who make

made in a very different and very much worse way than those made by them at this date (the United States, France and England) and they have been ordered to observe in this style that if their ships go to one of their ports which they call coasts or ports—the same way as they declare Honolulu to be—a coasts port to San Francisco—these although there are 500 miles away—they are forbidden to carry and transport goods from their own trade through those ports. Then we see a little thing about the ships' stores. They came to us with extreme indignation, and threatening international war unless we were reasonable. Of course you know that is all rather nonsense, but I think you get to think of it this, that these gentlemen take care to have some of these nations satisfied so that they will threaten no more.

We have just gone through a little bit of trouble in our Empire we did a bit of fighting with China, and Australia. And now we have got to keep up what we thought to be the righteous cause

**THE TRADE OF THE EMPIRE.**

But examine the statistics, and, great as is power and trade of the United Kingdom, you will find—its debt is supplying the wants of the world—its manufactures are the staple of the commerce of ten years ago; and her exports have diminished in proportion to population, while in some of these she has been obliged to import from other countries, previously to population. What does this mean except gradual encroachment—it may be fair and proper—whereas the Empire is not encroached upon by ourselves. Are not best cut when the very soul and matter and heart of the Empire is injured? It may be said that the Empire is not encroached upon, but prohibit the marriage of passengers or goods from one of their ports to another except in the bottom of one of their ships. This is a fair and proper thing, but it is unfair if we do, that! What is the matter with us? We are not encroached upon, and we are with if we take it into our heads as an Empire that we will deal with them in the same way that they

injury that some of our brave defenders in the present state that we shall open ourselves to, from France and some of those other places. I am not afraid of it. When Canada gave her preferential trade, first 25 per cent., then 33 per cent. to England, she was not by the threat of the withdrawal of the most favourable nation treatment? You would have thought that would kill Canada, but Canada is all right and is sending more goods to Germany than she did before. I feel as



It was hoped that the result of the election would be an all-party agreement to support the Government, as would carry conviction into the minds of the people of the liberties. (Applause.)

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried almost unanimously amidst great cheering.

**DALMAIN SOUTH LABOUR LEAGUE.**

**SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE.**

A meeting of the newly-formed Dalmain South Labour League was held last night at Hime's hall, Dalmain-road, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the seat at the next general election. Mr. George Low (president) occupied the chair. The central executive of the Political Labour League present, and several members of the Labour Party.

The first hour after the meeting opened was taken up in enrolling new members, at the conclusion of which the secretary, Mr. James Brown, reported that 116 new members had been enrolled, and that 116 financial members in the new league.

The chairman then called for nominations of candidates, when the names of Messrs. James Johnston,

Thomas B. Jones, Hugh Byers, James H. Nixon, and John H. Stacey were the only names of the candidates respectively declined nomination, the other seven deciding to stand for reelection. The planing, however, was not held to these seven, but to the others, after which they retired with the executive to the residence of Mr. Jones.

About 10.30 the members of the executive and the candidates again filed into the hall, when Mr. Stacey presented the following resolutions, and after delivering their report: one of the candidates refused to make an explanation.

Mr. Johnson explained that the rules governing the eligibility of candidates had unfortunately disbarred him from nomination. The union of which he was a member had been dissolved, and therefore his nomination was informal and invalid.

Mr. Jones then proposed that the executive be asked to meet unofficially with the candidates, and at retaining the seat for labor.

The further course of the evening was furnished by Mr. Lamond, showing that Messrs. Byers and Nixon were eligible for reelection, and an open ballot was then introduced with Mr. Hugh Jones presiding, Messrs. Byers and Nixon being elected.

After voting, which was very close, was taken by Mr. Byers, and Mr. Jones was elected.

Votes of thanks were carried to the executive for their services to Mr. J. Stacey, M. E. C., for his success in organizing.

It was decided to open the campaign to-night.

**THE DROUGHT.**

### CONFERENCE ON THE PODDER DUTIES

It is the intention of the Premier, after the formal session of Parliament has been disposed of to-day, to hold a conference at Parliament House in connection with the movement in favour of something doing to relieve the distress caused by the present state of the country. The Premier is present at the conference are Mr. Waddell (Tynes), Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan (Minister for Public Works), Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Ashton, Mr. McGowan, and Mr. Gormley. The question as to whether or not a statement of the state of the Legislature should be made at the conclusion of the conference, and that decision has been come to will rest with to-day.

**OUTLOOK IN THE BATHURST DISTRICT.**

**BATHURST, Monday.**

Acting on a telegram received from the Government asking to be furnished with a report giving a full account of the losses in Bathurst, and whether or not the Government should be asked to contribute towards the relief of the sufferers, the Bathurst Magistrate, called a meeting of magistrates to-day to discuss the matter.

consider the matter, and with the object of collecting information. It was ascertained that the wheat

was a complete failure, and that not a hundred sheep would be garnered. On only two farms was it otherwise. There was an old man, a former manager, looked to get a return of 20 bushels to the acre. The outlook for the bay crop was very poor, but, however, the outlook for the wheat crop was optimistic. The opinion was expressed that there was no immediate need for help, but the Government would be asked later to loan seed wheat. It was stated that now there is sufficient feed for stock. Massacre of sheep, the inspector stated that there was no stock in the country. The sheep were worth from 30 to 40 cents per head. There were no lambs. The sheepmen said the outlook will be black.

A correspondent at Warada, writing on November 21, says:—"This district is in a deplorable state. There is no hay, no grain, no stock. The sheep are all dead without delay. Many will not travel, as they say their sheep might as well die at home as on the road. There is no driving, etc. I can instance one of my friends who has a flock of 100 sheep. He told me that I know to be absolutely correct, on a private basis, and which may be confirmed by the authorities here, and which may be confirmed by the owner had 108 lambs, including locks, bellies, and

in the run, and sent away 7000 skins taken from

Shipping Reports.

the Howard Smith liner *Era*, vice Captain T. Moore, arrived. The *Era* reached Sydney yesterday from Que-

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The N.M.N. Polynesien left Sydney yesterday for Newcastle, via the usual ports of call.

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... Sydney on the 26th instant.

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AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The United States arrived at Brisbane on Nov. 24; the Emerald arrived at Auckland on Nov. 26; the Emerald arrived at Sydney on Nov. 28; the Elm Branch arrived at Melbourne on Dec. 1; the Anglo-Canadian sailed from New York on Oct. 10 for Australia; the Greenback sailed from New York on Oct. 12 for New Zealand ports; the Atlantic sailed from New York on Oct. 18 for New Zealand ports; the Queen Mabina is to sail from New York on Nov. 10 for New Zealand ports; the Queen Mary is to sail from New York on Nov. 15 for New Zealand ports.

These private traders met lately and agreed to support all private traders by circulars so that they would not support each other against the sway of co-operative societies.

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